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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-50, for the month of June, 1950, and the year 1949-50. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefits has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin: the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, & iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY

(i) Benefits Paid: Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in June, 1950 and the year 1949-50 are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING JUNE, 1950, AND THE YEAR 1949-50STATES

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State	Benefits paid during June, 1950				Benefits paid during the year 1949-50			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W. (b)	1,696	32,845	12,568	47,109	1,064,698	307,315	176,698	1,548,711
Victoria	547	19,538	11,343	31,428	6,666	217,783	141,277	365,726
Queensland	4,664	8,967	1,006	14,637	141,446	111,840	10,707	263,993
S. Aust.(c)	23	8,414	507	8,944	33,089	83,825	15,005	131,919
W. Aust.	399	4,387	6,751	11,537	18,163	58,323	76,402	152,888
Tasmania	132	3,120	409	3,661	2,010	36,928	4,249	43,187
TOTAL:	7,461	77,271	32,584	117,316	1,266,072	816,014	424,338	2,506,424

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued : The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the year 1949-50.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR 1949-50STATES

State	Persons							
	Claims Admitted - Year 1949-50				Benefits discontinued - Year 1949-50			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	127,500	24,293	2,451	154,244	127,448	23,795	2,381	153,624
Victoria	1,037	15,120	772	16,929	937	14,819	687	16,443
Queensland	19,841	9,850	650	30,341	19,921	9,807	611	30,339
S. Aust. (b)	6,512	6,309	435	13,256	6,510	6,205	420	13,135
W. Aust.	6,060	5,430	226	11,716	6,059	5,439	214	11,712
Tasmania	151	2,840	126	3,117	151	2,836	122	3,109
TOTAL:	161,101	63,842	4,660	229,603	161,026	62,901	4,435	228,362

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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(iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 and for the months July, 1949 to June, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT
AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	1,527	650	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406
1949-50	130,248	30,853	49,006	14,836	3,529	1,131	182,783	46,820	229,603
1949 July	112,746	28,415	5,351	1,505	1,783	357	119,880	30,277	150,157
Aug.	10,206	1,595	4,046	1,228	274	84	14,526	2,907	17,433
Sept.	651	92	4,185	1,287	159	73	4,995	1,452	6,447
Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	198	85	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,832	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec.	611	75	3,328	974	114	47	4,053	1,096	5,149
1950 Jan.	1,556	67	4,369	1,278	189	83	6,114	1,428	7,542
Feb.	1,006	67	3,808	1,156	142	79	4,956	1,302	6,258
March	877	81	3,850	1,204	140	80	4,867	1,365	6,232
April	776	103	4,361	1,287	145	78	5,282	1,468	6,750
May	467	93	3,609	1,079	134	54	4,210	1,226	5,436
June	407	96	3,078	898	130	29	3,615	1,023	4,638

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	1,503	497	86,826	17,235	104,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949-50	130,284	30,742	48,419	14,482	3,422	1,013	182,125	46,237	228,362
1949 July	30,600	10,210	5,542	1,608	491	167	36,633	11,985	48,618
Aug.	88,740	19,115	3,904	1,107	1,413	196	94,057	20,418	114,475
Sept.	3,918	629	3,946	1,120	216	69	8,080	1,818	9,898
Oct.	835	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec.	352	72	3,287	990	127	56	3,766	1,118	4,884
1950 Jan.	1,221	100	4,410	1,335	149	95	5,780	1,530	7,310
Feb.	809	55	3,708	1,050	138	62	4,655	1,167	5,822
March	799	61	4,060	1,284	153	84	5,012	1,429	6,441
April	992	96	4,381	1,294	153	75	5,526	1,465	6,991
May	1,076	97	3,425	1,035	127	57	4,628	1,189	5,817
June	494	72	3,117	966	129	49	3,740	1,087	4,827

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 - June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949 - June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
July	83,180	18,322	8,964	2,742	1,607	779	93,751	21,843	115,594
Aug.	4,646	802	9,106	2,863	468	667	14,220	4,332	18,552
Sept.	1,379	265	9,345	3,030	411	671	11,135	3,966	15,101
Oct.	1,069	210	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec.	1,300	202	9,768	3,261	391	726	11,459	4,189	15,648
1950 - Jan.	1,635	169	9,727	3,204	431	714	11,793	4,087	15,880
Feb.	1,832	181	9,827	3,310	435	731	12,094	4,222	16,316
March	1,910	201	9,617	3,230	422	727	11,949	4,158	16,107
April	1,694	208	9,597	3,223	414	730	11,705	4,161	15,866
May	1,085	204	9,781	3,267	421	727	11,287	4,198	15,485
June	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296

3. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during June, 1950, and the year 1949-50 is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1950
AND THE YEAR 1949-50 - AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	June, 1950				Year 1949-50			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	114	399	10	523	12,193	3,591	198	15,982
1 and under 2	155	808	35	998	19,811	7,918	395	28,124
2 " " 3	85	829	25	939	15,967	7,858	450	24,275
3 " " 4	79	831	33	943	18,328	7,313	467	26,108
4 " " 5	60	574	21	655	18,797	5,455	445	24,697
5 " " 9	131	1,423	54	1,608	72,477	13,889	1,479	87,845
9 " " 13	89	662	27	778	2,053	6,609	313	8,975
13 " " 27	152	781	50	983	1,144	7,309	438	8,891
27 and over	23	351	29	403	256	2,959	250	3,465
<u>TOTAL</u>	888	6,658	284	7,830	161,026	62,901	4,435	228,362

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during June, 1950, and the year 1949-50 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1950 AND THE YEAR 1949-50 : PERCENTAGE
DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA
(Per Cent.)

Duration of Benefits	June, 1950				Year 1949-50			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	2.60	5.27	10.21	5.15	0.16	4.70	5.64	1.52
13 " "	19.71	17.00	27.81	17.70	0.87	16.32	15.51	5.41
9 " "	29.73	26.95	37.32	27.64	2.14	26.83	22.57	9.34
5 " "	44.48	48.32	56.34	48.18	47.15	48.91	55.92	47.81
4 " "	51.24	56.94	63.73	56.54	58.83	57.58	65.95	58.62
3 " "	60.14	69.42	75.35	68.58	70.21	69.21	76.48	70.05
2 " "	69.71	81.87	84.15	80.57	80.12	81.70	86.63	80.69
1 " "	87.16	94.01	96.48	93.32	92.43	94.29	95.53	93.00
Less than 1	12.84	5.99	3.52	6.68	7.57	5.71	4.47	7.00

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during June, 1950, and the year 1949-50 are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING JUNE, 1950 AND THE YEAR
1949-50 : AUSTRALIA

Reason for Cessation	June, 1950				Year 1949-50			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	579	65.22	3,773	56.67	130,604	81.11	36,899	58.66
Incapacity terminated ..	-	-	2,239	33.63	-	-	19,178	30.49
Failure to report (a) ..	257	28.94	62	0.93	28,574	17.74	593	0.94
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act ..	23	2.59	30	0.45	923	0.57	727	1.16
Statutory Age Limit (b) ..	-	-	19	0.29	51	0.03	150	0.24
Permanent incapacity (c) ..	6	0.67	247	3.71	125	0.08	2,464	3.92
Transfer to rehabilitation Allowance ..	-	-	3	0.04	10	-	66	0.10
Death ..	1	0.11	89	1.34	32	0.02	1,020	1.62
Transfer to another district	9	1.01	73	1.09	355	0.23	805	1.28
Other ..	13	1.46	123	1.85	352	0.22	999	1.59
<u>TOTAL</u> ..	888	100.00	6,658	100.00	161,026	100.00	62,901	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 24th June, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 56 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 47 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950, PER 10,000
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	5	49	2	56
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	43	10	56
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	5	47	4	56

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 24th June, 1950

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	254	81	3,763	1,266	149	226	4,166	1,573	5,739
Victoria	119	32	2,750	995	122	220	2,991	1,247	4,238
Queensland	484	84	1,323	392	65	116	1,872	592	2,464
S. Aust.(b)	29	3	840	278	31	35	900	316	1,216
W. Australia	86	22	687	192	39	49	812	263	1,075
Tasmania	26	6	379	76	16	61	421	143	564
<u>TOTAL:</u>	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 24th June, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGES OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950 : AUSTRALIA

Age Group(as at 31st Dec., 1949)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
16 - 19 Years	42	49	727	745	22	44	791	838	1,629
20 - 24 "	115	64	1,141	671	7	46	1,263	781	2,044
25 - 29 "	115	27	924	355	5	53	1,044	435	1,479
30 - 34 "	98	20	837	239	9	44	944	303	1,247
35 - 39 "	91	17	904	249	13	80	1,008	346	1,354
40 - 44 "	85	17	891	217	-	93	976	327	1,303
45 - 49 "	109	12	1,049	297	8	148	1,166	457	1,623
50 - 54 "	84	13	964	243	8	82	1,056	338	1,394
55 - 59 "	118	9	1,187	171	7	79	1,312	259	1,571
60 years and over	141	-	1,118	12	343	38	1,602	50	1,652
<u>TOTAL:</u>	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1949-50 and for the months July, 1949 to June, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT
STATES.

Period	Persons						Australia		
	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u>									
Year 1945-46	48,789	2,695	10,954	10,956	4,037	313	65,455	12,289	77,744
1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199	78,578
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,275	1,387	28,662
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,459	667	12,126
1949-50	127,500	1,037	19,841	6,512	6,060	151	130,248	30,853	161,101
1949 July	116,343	198	13,416	5,864	5,310	30	112,746	28,415	141,161
August	9,565	232	1,363	503	113	25	10,206	1,595	11,801
Sept.	324	74	237	20	70	18	651	92	743
Oct.	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105	630
Nov.	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64	484
Dec.	172	36	420	12	42	4	611	75	686
1950 Jan.	200	121	1,156	59	76	11	1,556	67	1,623
Feb.	111	23	870	8	50	11	1,006	67	1,073
March	102	24	782	4	42	4	877	81	958
April	146	90	573	6	60	4	776	103	879
May	119	40	280	1	111	9	467	93	560
June	130	113	172	8	65	15	407	96	503

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1945-46	47,491	2,116	7,643	10,630	2,761	230	58,879	11,992	70,871
1946-47	12,602	16,099	36,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269	79,243
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494	33,032
1948-49	2,313	303	8,980	114	989	114	12,143	670	12,813
1949-50	127,448	937	19,921	6,510	6,059	151	130,284	30,742	161,026
1949 July	24,540	86	7,406	3,698	5,059	21	30,600	10,210	40,810
August	97,842	221	7,168	2,366	229	29	88,740	19,115	107,855
Sept.	3,405	123	575	313	113	18	3,918	629	4,547
Oct.	453	82	330	18	97	15	835	160	995
Nov.	157	44	247	8	53	14	448	75	523
Dec.	147	30	188	9	44	6	352	72	424
1950 Jan.	224	111	755	65	152	14	1,221	100	1,321
Feb.	137	12	654	9	46	6	809	55	864
March	168	31	574	11	68	8	799	61	860
April	156	51	820	7	49	5	992	96	1,088
May	137	59	867	3	101	6	1,076	97	1,173
June	82	87	337	3	48	9	494	72	566

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1946 - June	1,298	579	3,311	326	1,276	83	6,576	297	6,873
1947 - June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 - June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 - June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117	1,151
July	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	83,180	18,322	101,502
Aug.	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	4,646	802	5,448
Sept.	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,379	265	1,644
Oct.	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,069	210	1,279
Nov.	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,041	199	1,240
Dec.	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,300	202	1,502
1950 - Jan.	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,635	169	1,804
Feb.	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	1,832	181	2,013
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	1,910	201	2,111
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,694	208	1,902
May	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,085	204	1,289
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during June, 1950 and the year 1949-50 and by those who were on benefit at 24th June, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JUNE 1950
AND THE YEAR 1949-50 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	June, 1950		Year 1949-50		24th June 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	55	-	163	5	11	-
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	14	9	418	86	32	17
Power rationing ..	-	-	118,565	29,407	55	21
Shortage of materials ..	4	5	1,708	177	43	5
Strikes and lockouts ..	-	-	53	1	5	-
Seasonal work ..	26	1	2,036	27	162	4
Casual work ..	58	9	1,803	148	160	18
Other, including inadequately defined	156	48	2,379	409	247	72
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	66	20	1,428	331	170	53
Other, including inadequately defined	33	17	1,115	211	77	28
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	4	-	399	17	10	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	1	-	40	1	1	1
Other ..	89	5	141	33	25	9
<u>TOTAL:</u>	506	114	130,248	30,853	998	228

(iii) Industrial Classification of - (a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during June, 1950 and the Year 1949-50 and of those on benefit at 24th June, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING
JUNE, 1950 AND THE YEAR 1949-50 - AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admission during				On Benefit	
	June, 1950		Year 1949-50		24th June, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	48	1	2,188	19	175	1
Other Primary Production ..	7	-	439	2	11	-
Coal Mining ..	5	-	215	-	12	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	49	-	1,060	5	12	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	16	1	50,544	3,897	86	2
Vehicles, including Aircraft	1	-	6,650	198	10	-
Textiles and Articles of Dress	11	26	9,149	15,452	26	41
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	28	6	6,631	2,361	100	12
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	11	1	7,344	413	32	1
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	14	6	21,311	3,224	36	9
Building and Construction ..	102	-	10,776	31	193	7
Transport and Communication ..	22	2	4,712	102	64	3
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	41	11	3,356	1,391	76	22
Finance and Property ..	2	-	155	20	6	1
Public Administration and Professional	24	7	813	257	55	14
Personal and Domestic Service	34	47	3,521	3,258	78	105
Other ..	91	6	1,384	223	26	10
<u>TOTAL:</u>	506	114	130,248	30,853	998	228

(b) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 24th June, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950
STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	31	9	123	1	4	2	175
Other Primary Production ..	3	1	5	-	2	-	11
Coal Mining ..	8	-	2	-	2	-	12
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	-	5	-	6	-	12
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	45	6	25	4	4	2	86
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	1	2	4	1	1	1	10
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	6	3	13	1	1	2	26
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	7	5	77	-	8	3	100
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	11	1	14	1	2	3	32
Other Factories, including Heat							
Light and Power ..	8	6	13	3	5	1	36
Building and Construction ..	59	39	76	5	12	2	193
Transport and Communication ..	11	11	31	6	2	3	64
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	21	3	37	3	10	2	76
Finance and Property ..	1	-	4	-	1	-	6
Public Administration and Professional	17	1	22	2	10	3	55
Personal and Domestic Service ..	20	14	24	2	16	2	78
Other ..	4	18	4	-	-	-	26
TOTAL:	254	119	484	29	86	26	998

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the Year 1949-50 and the persons on benefit at 24th June, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims Admitted during the Year 1949-50.				On Benefit at 24th June, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	71,123	16,790	32,476	7,111	59	13	195	68
Victoria	193	36	661	147	21	9	98	23
Queensland	9,540	4,063	5,278	960	98	39	386	45
South Australia (c)	5,411	971	123	7	24	3	5	-
Western Australia	4,944	711	364	41	61	12	25	10
Tasmania	65	7	70	9	18	3	8	3
TOTAL:	91,276	22,578	38,972	8,275	281	79	717	149

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during June, 1950, and the year 1949-50, and of those on benefit at 24th June, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING JUNE, 1950 AND THE YEAR 1949-50 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admission during				On Benefit	
	June, 1950		Year 1949-50		24th June, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	290	89	3,103	1,008	631	251
Cancer ..	33	4	322	48	90	19
Other Tumours ..	42	34	466	312	84	68
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	258	96	2,665	925	585	242
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	23	12	224	197	57	40
Nervous System and Sense Organs	398	177	4,380	1,832	949	428
Circulatory System ..	391	67	4,352	740	1,089	201
Respiratory System ..	585	141	5,220	1,179	970	249
Digestive System ..	1,103	317	11,073	2,922	1,760	458
Genito-urinary System ..	195	179	1,953	1,556	391	305
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	159	-	1,505	-	378
Skin and Cellular Tissues ..	189	52	2,172	528	354	91
Bones and Organs of Movement	132	46	1,281	450	257	108
Other Diseases (including ill-defined conditions) ..	84	25	921	358	166	65
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	647	60	5,695	607	1,535	169
Other Injuries, etc. ..	413	64	4,701	559	730	104
Surgical Amputations ..	15	1	172	15	43	3
Other (including not stated) ..	59	8	306	95	51	20
TOTAL:	4,857	1,531	49,006	14,836	9,742	3,199

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 24th June, 1950, is shown in the following table.

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950 AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	691	20	711
Other Primary Production ..	178	-	178
Coal Mining ..	229	1	230
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	131	3	134
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	1,380	136	1,516
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	458	15	473
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	351	589	940
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	605	169	774
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	425	18	443
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power	978	218	1,196
Building and Construction ..	1,686	6	1,692
Transport and Communication ..	872	85	957
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	856	474	1,330
Finance and Property ..	60	43	103
Public Administration and Professional ..	325	590	915
Personal and Domestic Service ..	497	825	1,322
Other ..	20	7	27
TOTAL:	9,742	3,199	12,941

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the year 1949-50 and those current at 24th June, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the Year 1949-50				On Benefit at 24th June, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	11,290	4,409	6,973	1,621	2,256	915	1,507	351
Victoria ..	7,711	3,006	3,506	897	2,088	834	662	161
Queensland ..	3,835	1,266	4,002	747	703	245	620	147
South Australia (c)	4,289	1,160	741	119	686	247	154	31
Western Australia	2,933	865	1,395	237	468	156	219	36
Tasmania ..	1,180	256	1,151	253	127	45	252	31
<u>TOTAL</u>	31,238	10,962	17,768	3,874	6,328	2,442	3,414	757

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the year 1949-50 and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED -
YEAR 1949-50 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	137,084	9,584	27,541	3,248	2,779	328	167,404	13,160	7.86
Vic.	1,601	564	17,947	2,827	1,129	357	20,677	3,748	18.13
Q'ld.	26,656	6,815	11,638	1,788	961	311	39,255	8,914	22.71
S.A. (b)	12,497	5,985	7,300	991	521	86	20,318	7,062	34.76
W.A.	8,128	2,068	6,535	1,105	324	98	14,987	3,271	21.83
Tas.	227	76	3,192	352	178	52	3,597	480	13.34
<u>TOTAL</u>	186,193	25,092	74,153	10,311	5,892	1,232	266,238	36,635	13.76

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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